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HIGH COMMISSIONER'S PROGRAMME

Forty-eighth session

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

(submitted by the High Commissioner)

1. Opening of the session

The Chairman of the Executive Committee will open the session on Monday, 13 October at 10 a.m. in Conference Room XIX of the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

2. Election of officers

Rule 10 of the *Rules of Procedure* of the Executive Committee (A/AC.96/187/Rev.5) states that "The Committee shall, at the first meeting of the first regular session of any one year, elect the officers of the Committee: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur, who will serve in these functions until the Committee's next regular session".

3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

According to rule 4 of the *Rules of Procedure*, "The provisional agenda for each session shall be drawn up by the High Commissioner and shall be communicated to the Governments members of the Committee, Governments of other Member States of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the appropriate intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status and those referred to in rule 38, with the notice of the convening meeting".

According to rule 5, "The provisional agenda shall include: (a) all items proposed by the Committee at a previous session; (b) all items proposed by any member of the Committee provided that such items are proposed within eight days after receipt of the provisional agenda; (c) all items proposed by any sub-committee which may have been appointed by the Committee to serve in between its sessions; (d) all items proposed by the High Commissioner".

The Executive Committee will have before it document A/AC.96/892 (*Agenda*).

4. Annual theme: Repatriation challenges

As decided by the Executive Committee at its forty-sixth session in October 1995, the General Debate has been discontinued and replaced by a debate on a focused annual theme (A/AC.96/860, para. 32(h)). The Standing Committee decided at its eighth meeting in June 1997 that the theme to be discussed at the forty-eighth session of the Executive Committee would be *Repatriation Challenges*. It was further decided that the debate should be conducted, *inter alia*, on the basis of relevant work by the Standing Committee, "notably in respect of the *Note on International Protection* (A/AC.96/882) as well as other documents related to protection aspects of repatriation and return.

The High Commissioner will make an opening statement. Delegations are requested to confine themselves to one intervention in the ensuing debate and to limit their statements to a maximum of ten minutes. The Secretariat will circulate more extensive written versions of statements, provided that delegations make available a sufficient number of copies for all Member States and Observers. (A minimum of 200 copies is required for this purpose).

The Committee will have before it document A/AC.96/887 (*Annual Theme: Repatriation Challenges*), which provides in annex a list of other documentation relevant to the debate.

5. Reports on the work of the Standing Committee

Under this item, the Committee will review separately (a) the work of the Standing Committee on international protection, and (b) its work on programme, administrative and financial matters.

(a) International protection

Of particular relevance to the deliberations of the Committee is the *Report of the Eighth Meeting of the Standing Committee* (A/AC.96/888). In light of the work of the Standing Committee and the Executive Committee's discussion under agenda item 4, the Committee will consider its annual conclusions on international protection.

(b) Programme, administrative and financial matters

The Committee will have before it documents A/AC.96/893 (*Report on the Work of the Standing Committee*); A/AC.96/880 (*Report of the Sixth Meeting of the Standing Committee*); A/AC.96/881 (*Report of the Seventh Meeting of the*

Standing Committee); A/AC.96/888 (*Report of the Eighth Meeting of the Standing Committee*) and A/AC.96/894 (*Report of the Ninth Meeting of the Standing Committee*).

The Committee will also have before it *Action Taken on Decisions of the Forty-Seventh Session of the Executive Committee* (A/AC.96/889).

6. Consideration and adoption of programme budgets

Under this item, the Committee will review the country/area programmes, other programmes and Headquarters budgets for 1998 and revised programmes and budgets for 1997. Relevant to this review is document A/AC.96/884 (*Overview of UNHCR Activities*) with its Addendum 1 (*Expenditure, Budgets and Post Requirements*); Addendum 2 (*Update on Programme and Funding Projections for 1997 and 1998*); and Addendum 3 (*Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions*).

7. Reports relating to programme oversight

The Executive Committee will consider document A/AC.96/883(*Voluntary Funds Administered by the High Commissioner: Accounts for the Year 1996*), document A/AC.96/885 (*Report of the Board of Auditors to the General Assembly on the Accounts of the Voluntary Funds Administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the Period Ended December 1996*) and its Addendum 1 (*Measures Taken or Proposed in Response to the Recommendations of the Report of the Board of Auditors*).

In addition, *UNHCR Inspection and Evaluation Activities* (A/AC.96/886) will be considered under this agenda item.

In light of its discussions under agenda items 6 and 7, the Executive Committee will consider a draft decision on administrative and financial matters on the basis, *inter alia*, of paragraphs 9 and 10 of the *Overview of UNHCR Activities 1996-1998* (A.AC/96/884).

8. Meetings of the Standing Committee in 1998

Having reviewed the work of the Standing Committee in 1997 (*Report on the Work of the Standing Committee*: A/AC/96/893) and the issues before it at its forty-eighth session, the Executive Committee decides which issues to include in the programme of work for the Standing Committee in 1998.

Also under this agenda item, the Executive Committee will be called upon to consider applications by Government Observer delegations to participate in the meetings of the Standing Committee in 1998. It will also be invited to delegate to the Standing Committee the authority to admit additional Government Observers to its periodic meetings.

9. Consideration of the provisional agenda of the forty-ninth session of the Executive Committee

The Committee will consider a draft provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the Executive Committee.

10. Any other business

11. Adoption of the report of the forty-eighth session of the Executive Committee

The draft report of the forty-eighth session will be before the Committee for adoption.

12. Closure of the session

The High Commissioner and the Chairman will make brief closing remarks.